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3/18/03In the Claims:

Claims 10, 13 and 14 are amended and now read as follows:

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5 10. (Twice Amended) The method of claim 13, wherein said vehicle includes a supply voltage and an electrical system, the method comprising a further step of maintaining the neutral position or the park position of the transmission when the supply voltage for the electrical systems of the vehicle is switched off; and, only then leaving the position of the transmission when the start-drive command of the driver is recognized.

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5 13. (Amended) A method for ensuring standstill of a vehicle in combination with a road speed controller of the vehicle, the vehicle including a drive train incorporating an automatic transmission which provides and interrupts a force flow in the drive train, the method comprising the steps of:

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braking the vehicle to standstill with said road speed controller of said vehicle;

10 building up and/or maintaining a braking force in the manner of a parking brake function when said standstill of said vehicle is detected;

interrupting the force flow in the drive train of said vehicle by controlling an automatic transmission into a neutral position or a park position;

15 detecting a start-drive command of the driver when an
operator-controlled element is actuated; and,
disengaging said parking brake function and controlling said
automatic transmission out of said neutral position or said park
position only when said start-drive command is detected.

14. (Amended) An arrangement for ensuring standstill of a
vehicle in combination with a road speed controller of the
vehicle, the vehicle including a drive train incorporating an
automatic transmission which provides and interrupts a force flow
5 in the drive train, the arrangement comprising a control unit
which executes the following steps:

braking the vehicle to standstill with said road speed
controller of said vehicle;

10 building up and/or maintaining a braking force in the manner
of a parking brake function when said standstill of said vehicle
is detected;

interrupting the force flow in the drive train of said
vehicle by controlling an automatic transmission into a neutral
position or a park position;

15 detecting a start-drive command of the driver when an
operator-controlled element is actuated; and,

disengaging said parking brake function and controlling said
automatic transmission out of said neutral position or said park
position only when said start-drive command is detected.